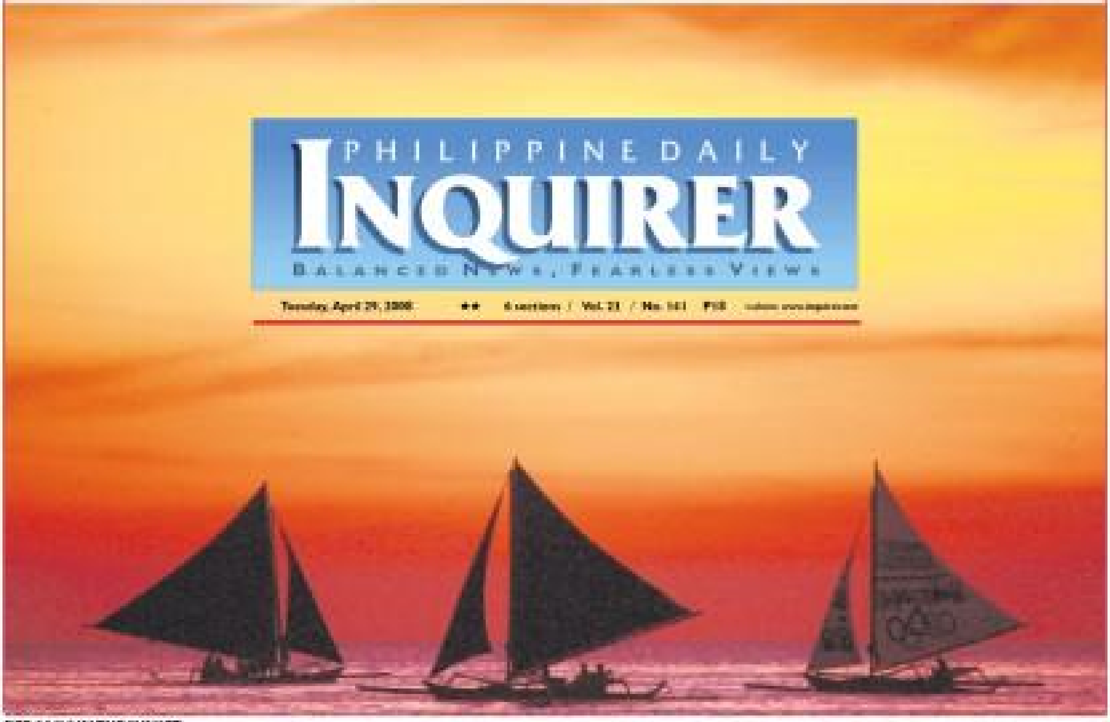
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RED SAILS IN THE SUNSET...
Sailboats glide under the blazing red and yellow skies of a Boracay sunset, one reason the resort island is still the summer destination of choice despite the green algae and steep food prices.

Court orders Nani arrest

Ex-justice secretary runs to SC for relief



RESIDENTS of Happyland in Tondo, Manila, receive free "lugaw" (rice porridge) from youth groups on Monday before the start of a forum on the food crisis triggered by the sharp rise in the price of rice.

By TJ Burgonio and Leila B. Salaverria

THE SANDIGANBAYAN yesterday issued an arrest warrant for former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez and his wife in connection with the $2-million extortion complaint lodged by former Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez.

Perez was not immediately available for comment. Phone calls and text messages from the Inquirer went unanswered. Perez was not in his office either at the University of Batangas in Batangas City where he is president.

Hours earlier, Perez and his wife filed an urgent manifestation asking the Supreme Court to order the Sandiganbayan to defer issuing and serving any

COURT A6

GMA eyes cutback in gov't rice subsidy

RP seeks WB help on rice imports

THE PHILIPPINES HAS ASKED the World Bank to persuade rice-exporting nations to lift shipment curbs that threaten the food security of importing countries, Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap said yesterday.

"I have asked the World Bank if it's possible to use its moral persuasion, its stature, its influence to talk to the supplier countries," Yap said on television.

He noted that exporters seemed to be afraid to release their rice into the international market. "It's going against pricing. We need to convince them that they must release the flow of supply," he said.

Rice exporting countries such

RP SEEKS A18

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO is considering rolling back her administration's direct role in subsidizing expensive rice imports, the Wall Street Journal reported yesterday.

The subsidy has allowed the National Food Authority (NFA), the state's grain-importing arm, to sell rice at ₱18.25 a kilo (about half its actual cost) and thus incur huge losses.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap said the administration was considering raising the cost of subsidized rice from its current rate and giving the poorest families a cash handout instead.

The President said in an interview with the Wall Street Journal that if rice prices stayed high, the role of the debt-laden NFA might eventually be changed to allow the private sector to import more rice.

"Our first obligation right now is to put food on the table and the NFA has a role to play in that," she was quoted as saying.

GMA EYES A18

Welcome to Basista, where fine music begins

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BASISTA, PANGASINAN—ANYONE passing through this small agricultural town in central Pangasinan will be greeted by an arch that reads: "Welcome to Basista: Home of Famous Orchestras, Where Fine Music Begins."

Residents here have reason to be proud: Ten of the more than 20 orchestras in Pangasinan are based in Basista which had a population of 29,818 as of 2008.

Eight of the orchestras are

WELCOME A18

Gov't defends ₱5-B aid to poor

By Allison W. Lopez, Jeannette I. Andrade and Michael Lim Ubac

SOCIAL WELFARE SECRETARY Esperanza Cabral yesterday defended the government's ₱5-billion cash assistance to the poorest of the poor, saying the beneficiaries would not only get the "dole" but "incentives" for health and education.

"It is a conditional cash-transfer program," Cabral said at the Kapihan sa Manila Hotel forum.

Cabral was reacting to Fr. Anton Pascual's statement that the Ahon Pamilyang Pinoy (APP) program would only make the poor dependent on the government and encourage them to be lazy.

The five-year APP program, patterned after "successful" poverty-reduction projects in Latin America, will benefit 300,000 families in the country's 20 poorest provinces, Cabral said.

A family that takes its children to health centers will get ₱500 a month plus ₱300 for every child who logs at least 85 percent school attendance a

GOV'T DEFENDS A18

'One year after, we're back to zero'

By Fe Zamora and Nikko Dizon

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF Jonas Burgos was allegedly the result of a military "entrapment" operation to unmask the recipient of information supposedly leaked by an Army lieutenant to communist insurgents, Jonas' mother, Edita Burgos, said yesterday during rites marking her son's

ONE YEAR A6

RP veterans lost $3.2B in US benefits

By Nikko Dizon

FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS would have received $3.2 billion worth of benefits from the United States had it not been for the Rescission Act of 1946, which effectively dashed the promises held out as they fought alongside American troops six decades ago.

"According to the Office of US Veterans Affairs in Washington, the US government saved $3.2 billion by passing the Rescission Act in 1946," Defense Undersecretary for Veterans Affairs Ernesto Carolina told the Inquirer yesterday.

Carolina said that there were then more than 400,000 Filipino veterans who applied for benefits from the US government.

Of the figure, more than 240,000 were recognized as legitimate war veterans by the

RP VETERANS A18

Urban mining: 'Der's gold in dem dar phones'



[illegible], JAPAN—THINKING OF throwing out your old cell phone? Think again.

Maybe you should mine it first for gold, silver, copper and a host of other metals embedded in the electronics—many of which are enjoying near-record prices.

URBAN A7

24 years of horror: Austrian abused daughter, sired 7 kids

VIENNA—AUSTRIANS expressed shock and horror yesterday after police arrested a 73-year-old man who they say imprisoned and abused his daughter in a windowless basement for 24 years and fathered seven children with her.

Police said on Sunday the woman, identified as 42-year-old Elisabeth Fritzl, told them that her father, Josef Fritzl, lured her into the basement of the block where they lived in the town of Amstetten in 1984, and drugged and handcuffed her before imprisoning her.

Three of her children had been locked up since birth in the basement of the drab, gray building along with their mother and have never seen sunlight or received any education, police said.

Police later said Fritzl had confessed to holding his daughter captive.

"(Fritzl) has now said that he locked up his daughter for 24 years and that he alone fathered her seven children, and that he locked them up in the cellar," Franz Polzer, head of the criminal investigations unit in Lower Austria, told Reuters by telephone.

Police said the currently [illegible]

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Cheaper medicines bill on again

Senate, House add safeguards vs President's price control power

WHAT'S INSIDE

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"My skin now is so different from my skin back in my 20's but I found a way to prevent dull, dry skin!"

RP should buy Aramco shares to control Petron, say senators

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.



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Different situation

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'Million-dollar man'



Bail set at P30,000 each

Temporary restraining order

Money transfer



'One year after, we're back to zero'

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RP demand pushes prices up

Self-sufficient by 2010

Consensus

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So far so good

Millennium goals

Teach people to fish

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Food first before fishing

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Farmers upbeat about getting Iggy's farm



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Presence matters, but advocacy is true gauge of performance

Applause a mere formality

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How it all began

Naturals

Family tradition

Piolo, Regina movie

More to stay

IN THE KNOW

Peace advocates urge Malaysia to stay

COTABATO CITY—PEACE ADVOCATES IN MINdanao are urging Malaysian officials to stay and continue helping in peace-building efforts.

The Bantay Ceasefire, composed of about 650 peace advocates, also asked Malacañang to speed up the attainment of genuine peace in Mindanao.

Track record

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Salapuddin ordered arrested for Batasan blast

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Waste segregation removes stink in city

Clean-up yields 75 tons of garbage

Jeep falls into ravine; 4 killed, 14 hurt

Senator urges unity amid food crisis

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MAYON FROM BULAN, SORSOGON

Solon decries work conditions at Hanjin shipyard

With costly rice, Panay farmers, Mangyan families turn to root crops, betel nuts



Probable cause

Reward

Negros Occ. to lead in biofuels—Zubiri



BEACH BOYS

US report: RP still source of illegal drugs in Asia

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE PHILIPPINES CONTINUES TO BE A SOURCE of illegal drugs and their transshipment in Asia despite government efforts to curb the menace, according to the latest report on the global drug situation released by the US Department of State.

In its March 2008 International Narcotics Control and Strategy Report, the state department said corruption and inefficiency in the Philippine judicial process encouraged foreign traffickers to establish clandestine laboratories in the country over other states nations.

"Corruption among the police, judiciary and elected officials continues to be a significant impediment to Philippine law enforcement efforts," the report said.

It said illegal drugs and precursor chemicals entered and left the country through its airports, seaports and economic zones. With more than 7,000 islands and over 36,000 kilometers of coastline, the Philippines' surroundings were virtually unpatrolled.

The report said traffickers often used shipping containers, fishing boats and cargo vessels, then off-loaded to smaller craft, to transport large quantities of methamphetamine hydrochloride and its precursor chemicals.

It said law enforcement interdiction efforts were made ineffective by the lack of intelligence sharing between the institutional forces concerned and basic resources such as fuel for patrol vessels.

It said commercial air carriers and express mail services remained the primary routes of shipment to Guam, Hawaii and the US mainland, with typical shipment sizes of one to four kilos.

The report said there was no notable increase or decrease in methamphetamine activities in 2007.

The report cited data provided by the local Dangerous Drugs Board that showed eight known transnational drug organizations operating in the country in 2007, compared to seven in 2006. Each group included at least five major drug lords from China and Taiwan, it said.

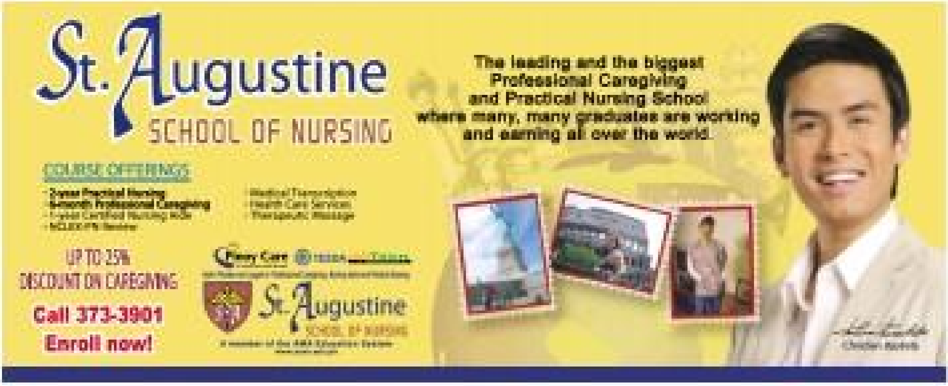
According to the 2007 DDB survey, there were approximately 1.4 million regular and occasional drug users in the country, compared to 6.7 million in 2004, the last year the survey was conducted.

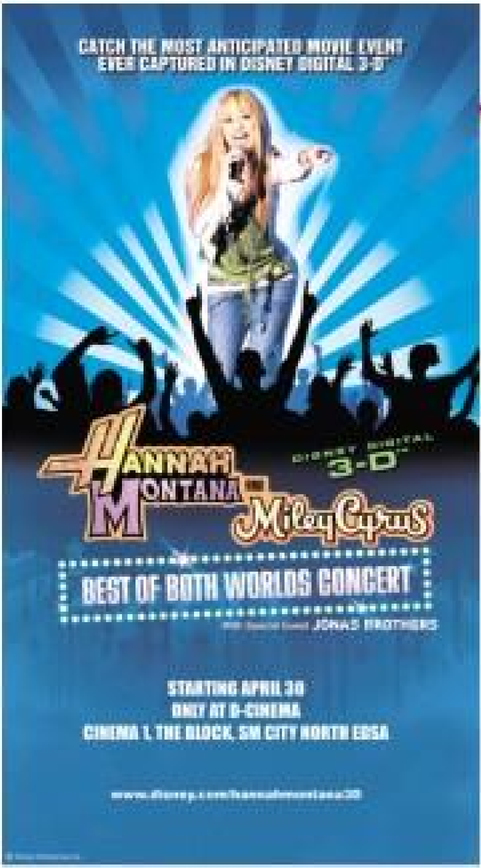
Methamphetamine hydrochloride, known locally as "shabu," was the drug of choice.

The report said the Philippines was a source of methamphetamine for Australia, Canada, Japan, South Korea and the United States, particularly Guam and Saipan.

It said methamphetamine was clandestinely manufactured in the country with precursor chemicals smuggled in or diverted after legal importation from China, including Hong Kong.

Ephedrine has also been smuggled from India, although there have been no seizures since 2005. In 2007, there were 228 local drug trafficking groups identified, compared to [illegible] in 2006.







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Quiapo on int'l marts list for pirated goods

US report cites area the second time around

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, STALLS IN MANILA'S QUIAPO district were mentioned in the US Trade Representative's report as among the world's notorious markets of pirated goods.

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Afghanistan investigates deadly attack

KABUL—AFGHANISTAN WAS MONDAY INVESTIGATING how militants could get within 500 meters of President Hamid Karzai and other top leaders to carry out a brazen attack that left three Afghans dead.



A PAKISTANI pro-Taliban militant prepares to shoot a kidnapper in Bajaur, a village of Pakistan's Mohmand tribal region, on April 27. The militants executed the kidnapper to avenge the killing of a fellow militant.

US Army says it killed 38 militants in Baghdad



A MUSEUM employee carries a recovered artifact to be displayed at the Iraqi National Museum in Baghdad on April 27. More than 700 artifacts that were stolen during the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime were turned over by the Syrian authorities to the museum.

Ban urged on gifts at US medical schools

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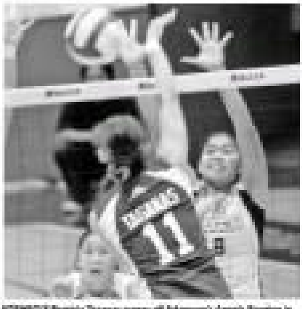


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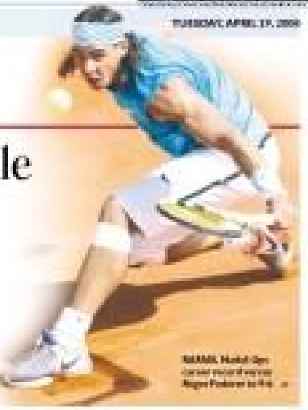
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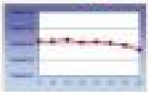
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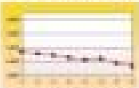
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By Riza T. Olchondra

SMART COMMUNICATIONS Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., has acquired 3G licensee Connectivity Unlimited Resource Enterprise (CURE) for P420.334 million.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), PLDT said that Smart bought the entire issued and outstanding capital stock of PH Communications Holdings Corp. and Francom Holdings Inc., which owned 56.87 percent and 3.43 percent, respectively, of CURE.

"The acquisition dovetails with Smart's previously announced plan to provide expanded and enhanced 3G services nationwide, including higher speed wireless broadband services. CURE is well placed to provide Smart with a platform to offer and provide differentiated 3G services for niche markets," PLDT said.

Smart currently offers a 3G service, latest 3G. Smart's subsidiary, Smart Broadband Inc., offers the high-speed wireless broadband internet service Smart Bro.

In addition to buying CURE's existing capital stock, Smart will invest P2.8 billion in exchange for new shares of CURE. The fresh funds will be used by CURE as working capital, PLDT said.

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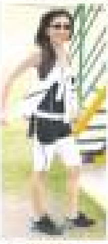
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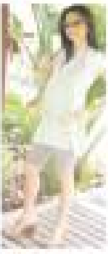
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She usually runs or briskly walks 5 kilometers a day

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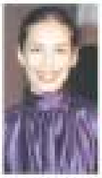






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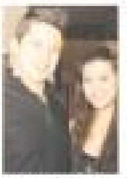














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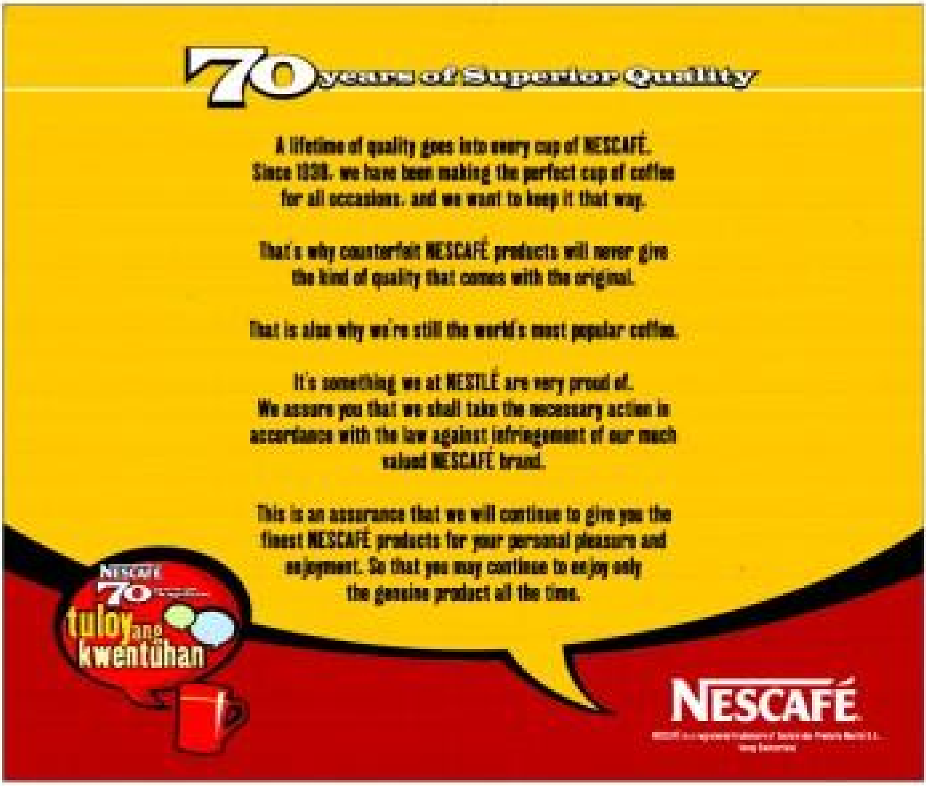
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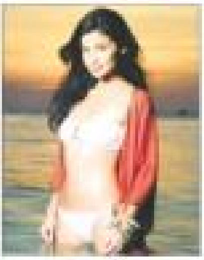
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Cinderella Potter

SYDNEY— Actor Daniel Radcliffe's search for a mystery Australian girl he met at an awards party has taken a twist worthy of his alter-ego Harry Potter. Two young Australian women have come forward, each claiming to be the beautiful stranger who bewitched the teenage actor during a party at a film awards ceremony in Australia. Reuters

Joey Reyes on face-off with Juday's 'Ploning'

By Marinel R. Cruz



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Claudine: Horror films harder to do

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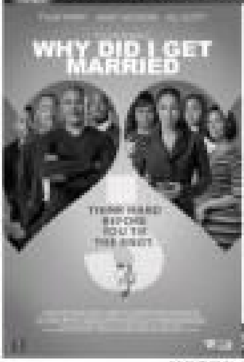
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2 SHUTTER

3 88 MINUTES

4 NIM'S ISLAND

5 SEMI-PRO

6 THE AIR I BREATHE

From concert stage to TV

Ruffled by foreign acts, Songbird goes back to making music on the small screen



[illegible]

Macstorium

[illegible]

Sneak preview

[illegible]

Taping soon

[illegible]

AT THE CINEMAS

Cinema							
GLORIETTA 1	1 PATHOLOGY	2 THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM	3 NEVER BACK DOWN	4 [illegible]			
GLORIETTA 4	1 SUPERHERO MOVIE	2 STREET KINGS	3 THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM	4 THE SAVAGES	5 NEVER BACK DOWN	6 PATHOLOGY	7 STRANGE WILDERNESS
GREENBELT 1	1 NEVER BACK DOWN	2 THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM					
GREENBELT 3	1 PATHOLOGY	2 THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM	3 THE SAVAGES	4 88 MINUTES	5 STRANGE WILDERNESS		
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 STREET KINGS	2 PATHOLOGY	3 NEVER BACK DOWN	4 STRANGE WILDERNESS	5 SUPERHERO MOVIE		
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM	2 OVER HER DEAD BODY	3 SHUTTER	4 THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL			
MARKET! MARKET!	1 THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM	2 PATHOLOGY	3 NEVER BACK DOWN	4 STRANGE WILDERNESS	5 [illegible]		
TRINOMA	1 STREET KINGS	2 SUPERHERO MOVIE	3 NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN	4 STRANGE WILDERNESS	5 NEVER BACK DOWN	6 PATHOLOGY	7 THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM

AT THE MALLS

Glorietta — [illegible]

Greenbelt — [illegible]

Alabang Town Center — [illegible]

Ayala Center Cebu — [illegible]

Market! Market! — [illegible]

Ayala Museum — [illegible]

TriNoma — [illegible]


KEANU Reeves (center) with Antony Nelson (left) and John Corbett

Reckless, roguish, disturbing

But 'Street Kings' has some notable performances, not including Keanu's

By [illegible]
Contributor

THE GLOOMY AND GRIMY crime-action flick "Street Kings" has its moments, but it's not exactly a mystery-steeped thriller. Cop dramas are often made exciting by complex issues, such as abuse of power and flawed protagonists—when they're seamlessly meshed into the story.

"Street Kings" has the jaded and suicidally skilled cop on the verge of self-destruction, but we've heard the story before, in more memorable and better-crafted films.

It succeeds, however, in creating an easily recognizable, sordid urban underworld constantly smeared with heartlessness and treachery. Directed by David Ayer, written by James Ellroy ("LA Confidential") and Kurt Wimmer ("Thomas Crown Affair"), the film exudes an atmosphere of corruption and danger from the outset. [illegible]

Review

Hell-bent cop

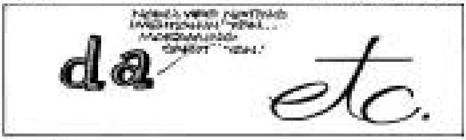
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Awkward material

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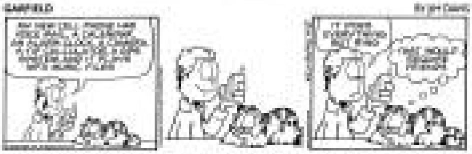




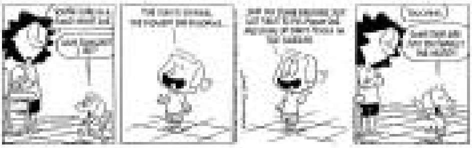


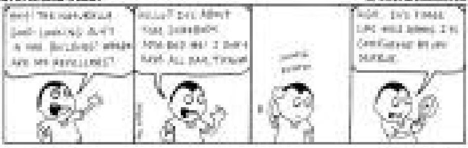


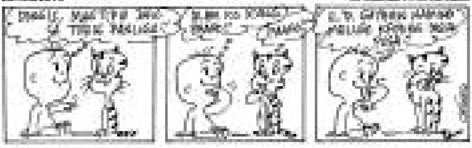


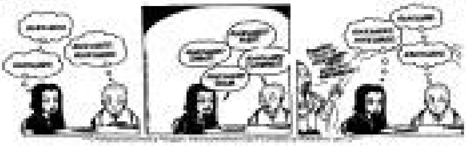






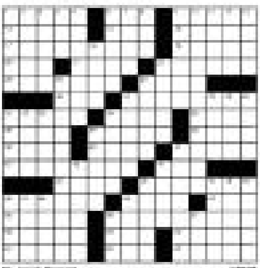


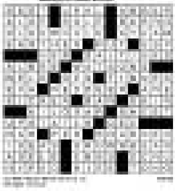






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CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

4	6	3	8	1	5	2	9	7
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6	2	4	7	5	1	8	3	9
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1	4	6	5	7	2	9	8	3
3	9	2	6	8	4	1	7	5
8	7	5	1	9	3	6	2	4



Ai Ai starts shooting 'historical' movie with Erap



DOLLY WOOD
Dolly Anne Carvajal



AI AI DE LAS ALAS IS SO EXCITED about her movie with Erap. "She will start shooting in August. Historical ang drama." She will add the hysterical touch to it.

Ai is also wrapping up her movie with **Robin Padilla** (Viva Films "Bow Ni Kik"). "Grabe! [illegible]," she said. "First shooting day pa [illegible] (laughs)."

Was she [illegible] by Robin's legendary charm? "Not applicable [illegible]."

Ai [illegible]?

Sailing away

ALEXANDRA de Rossi has always been a fighter. But this time around, she chooses her battles.

When asked about her [illegible] with [illegible] (which started when they got into each other's [illegible]), she [illegible] replied, "I'd rather talk about my new Music Video called 'Sailing.'"

For now, she [illegible] as far away as possible from [illegible].

Sandara's ex

JOSEPH Bitangcol was spotted [illegible] a local [illegible] girl. But when asked about ex [illegible] Sandara Park, he's still updated with what's going on in her life. "She said [illegible] closed for several [illegible] in these [illegible] yet."

Erap... out of sight but not out of mind.

Show biz break

DJS Dan Padilla is en route to South Africa with her daughter Ela. They will be gone for a week. [illegible] "Jungle" [illegible] Brazil?

Birthday boy

LUIS Manzano turned a year older on April 21. I teased him, "Your birthday is two days apart from Angel Locsin's. Is that mere coincidence?"

He smiled. "[illegible] we were meant to be close... Haha."

Best lesson he picked up through the years? "Maximize each day. Life's too short to be affected by what everyone has to say. [illegible] My [illegible], which he [illegible] helps me cope with chronic stress."

Luckily, he's [illegible].

Band bonding

DON'T miss the grand reunion of the '80s and '70s super bands in "Nite [illegible] Festival" at the NBC Tent on May 2 at 7:30 p.m. It features [illegible] with DJ [illegible] as special guests. Call [illegible]. It's gonna be a [illegible] kind of band bonding.

Surfing event



Luis Manzano

THE LAUNCHING of PLDT myDSL speed up sessions via a [illegible] surfing event at Promenade Greenhills was a blast. Nancy Castiglione, DJ Rapper [illegible] and [illegible] joined the fun. Check out their Plan 990 Unlimited DSL and Quick broadband if you wanna go surfing "on the fast lane."

Celebrity game

CATCH your fave stars like [illegible], Ariel Rivera, Hajji Alejandro, [illegible] and Paolo Paraiso in the [illegible] Celebrity & Corporate Cup on May 3, 10 a.m. at the San Juan Arena. Have a ball taking pics with the stars after the game.

E-mail: [illegible]





HELLO, Vince Chase! He's back for Season 4.

HBO's 'Entourage' returns on May 5

"ENTOURAGE" RETURNS FOR A FOURTH season on Monday May 5, at 10 p.m. on HBO Signature on SkyCable and 11 p.m. on HBO.

The Emmy-winning hit comedy series, executive-produced by Mark Wahlberg, takes a semi-serious look at the day-to-day life of Vince Chase, one of Hollywood's hottest young actors, and the three buddies he's brought with him from their hometown in Queens, New York: manager Eric, half-brother Drama and party pal-turned-[illegible] Turtle.

Filmed on location in well-known hot spots in LA, the series draws on the experiences of industry insiders, and illustrates the heady excesses of today's celebrity lifestyle and the difficulty of finding love and success in the show biz fast track. It is loosely based on Wahlberg's experiences.

The first episode of the season is "Welcome to the Jungle," written by Doug Ellin and directed by Mark Mylod. It is a behind-the-scenes documentary-style look at the filming of "Medellin," which Vince is producing, in Bogota, Colombia.

HBO Signature SkyCable subscribers can catch the entire season over three consecutive days, May 5 to 7, and again during a weekend marathon screening, May 17 and 18, starting at noon.



